GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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PENDING SCHEMES ON GROUND WATER RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for identification and development of ground water resources in Eastern States formulated at the behest of Planning Commission in 1992 is the last eight years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the ministry to accord early approval to the scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Water Resources had formulated a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on"Investigation and Development of Ground Water in Eastern States" in 1992, atthe behest of the Planning Commission. The scheme was considered by EFC in 1994, and it was suggested that the proposal be submitted for the approval of full Planning Commission. Accordingly, the proposal was sent to the Planning Commission for approval. In the meanwhile, as Ministry of Agriculture had got approved a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) on 'On FarmWater Management for Increasing Crop Production in Eastern India', during theIX Plan,with the objectives of utilising ground water resources of Eastern and North-Eastern States,the scheme of Ministry of Water Resources was not further pursued.